

GRAND RE-UNION OF ALL EX-CADETS IN AUSTRALIA

CADETS DAY OUT

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A grand re-union of all ex-cadets living in Australia were held at Sydney Olympic Park on Sunday (18-Sep-2005) with lots of fun and retrospective of the ever bright memories of days and nights spent at the Cadet Colleges. This was the first time when ex-cadets from all 10 Cadet Colleges were re-united and celebrated the day to Re-bond, Reflect and Rejuvenate.

On a sunny spring morning, the long awaited re-union started at 10:30 AM when about 100 ex-cadets with their families and friends got together for the first time and many after a long break. The ex-cadets are a big family now as some passed out (HSC) in 1970 to the fresh ones who passed out only in 2000. It was a dream come true for the organisers after many months of preparation and hard work.

The program begins with Rafiq Hasan of MCC welcoming all on behalf of the organisers and gave a brief history and the good intention of organising the Cadets Day Out in Sydney. The senior most ex-cadet present at the moment, Dr Masudul Haque of RCC officially opened the proceedings. Dr Masud in his opening speech thanked all the participants and organisers particularly Nawshad of MCC for taking the initiative to organise this historic event. The ex-cadets re-visited the corridors of fond memories of one's own Cadet College and found many enjoyable moments to share with fellow ex-cadets.

There were lots of activities for the kids and family members for all day and everybody enjoyed it very much as lots of prizes were distributed. Mrs Chowdhury (wife of Saiful of FCC) organised all the games/fun for kids and adults.

Among the many faces, there were two ex-cadets from the Girls cadet College in Bangladesh (MGCC), Shamima and Nargis. Their active participation made the whole environment very enjoyable and lively. They were introduced to other ex-cadets from 9 Cadet Colleges.

An informal cultural and retrospection program was held after lunch, participated by ex-cadets from various Cadet Colleges. Muna (wife of ex-cadet Shahed of SCC) conducted the whole cultural and fun part very professionally. Ismail Hossain from RCC entertained all with the flute and Arif Ahmed and Khurshid Reza from FCC sang some famous songs that we used to sing back in our cadet life. A trivia Quiz show was conducted by Fida of JCC and Muna, and all the ex-cadets enjoyed this part very much with lots of fun and humour. Ex-captain of Bangladesh Cricket team Aminul Islam Bulbul (spouse of Shamima of MGCC) gave a speech and few tips on cricket.

A Directory cum souvenir was published on this occasion. It contains information about the ex-cadets living in Australia. Articles published in the souvenir written by the ex-cadets made us very nostalgic of our Alma Mater Cadet College life once again. Overall design and format of the Directory was of very high standard and it was well accepted by ex-cadets. Rafiq Hasan of MCC was in charge of the Directory.

During the lunch ex-cadets really showed their class. They queued for food in an orderly manner and giving way to the ladies and kids. It was well appreciated by the many guests who were present. “Never seen anything like this before” – some of the guests commented. Ex-cadet Shahidul Sarker Mukul of RCC was applauded for his excellent management and distribution of food for about 300 people.

A Lucky draw was organised which was sponsored by an ex-cadets and the prizes includes DVD player, Blender, Electric

Frying Machine, Coffee Maker etc. Prizes were distributed by the senior most ex-cadets Khairul Abedin of RCC and Ahmed Yazdani of MCC. Nawshad conducted the Prize distribution ceremony and Lucky Draw prizes. At the end Dr Masudul Haque concluded the re-union with vote of thanks to everyone and welcoming all to the future re-union. The daylong Cadets Day Out, culminated by thanking the dedicated volunteers with some token gifts.

It was a very enjoyable day. Organisers were highly appreciated for their initiative. “Thank you for the memories” was what all the ex-cadets had in their mind when they headed home.